

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 6, cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 8-10, and 28-31, and withdraw claims 12-27, and add new claims 33 and 34.

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for preventing erosion of wellbore components comprising:

a wellscreen assembly having a perforated inner tube and at least one screen disposed therearound;

the screen being fluid-porous; and

a coating disposed on the ~~wellbore~~ wellscreen assembly wherein the coating ~~does not inhibit or interfere the fluid porous nature of the screen~~ is a metal-based coating including nickel in a concentration of about 85% to 95%.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 1, wherein the metal-based coating includes phosphorous.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~5~~ 34 wherein the organic-based coating is a phenolic resin.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein a ceramic or cermet is added to the phenolic resin.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, where in the phosphorous concentration of the coating is from about 5% to about 15%.

12. (Withdrawn)

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28. (Cancelled)
29. (Cancelled)
30. (Cancelled)
31. (Cancelled)
32. (Previously Added) The apparatus of any of the above claims, wherein the screen is fabricated of a woven material.

Please add the following new claim:

33. (New) An apparatus for preventing erosion of wellbore components comprising:
a wellscreen assembly having a perforated inner tube and at least one screen
disposed therearound;

the screen being fluid-porous; and

a coating disposed on the wellscreen assembly wherein the coating is a cermet.

34. (New) An apparatus for preventing erosion of wellbore components comprising:
a wellscreen assembly having a perforated inner tube and at least one screen
disposed therearound;

the screen being fluid-porous; and

a coating disposed on the wellscreen assembly wherein the coating is an
organic-based coating.